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TAGS: CGEN, EAGR, OTRA

SUBJECT: AFGHAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DUBS, AUGUST 8

SUMMARY: DURING 45 MINUTE CALL ON DUBS AMBASSADOR KARIM
WAS BRIEFED ON STATUS AFGHANISTAN'S REQUEST FOR PL-480
WHEAT AND GIVEN DRAFT OF PROPOSED CONSULAR CONVENTION.
SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST, WAHEED ABDULLAH'S
UPCOMING TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO AND AFGHAN FLAG AT KENNEDY
CENTER WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR ABDUL WAHID KARIM INITIATED CALL TO
DISCUSS GENERAL MATTERS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER
GHULAM FARAUQ TURABAZ. FIL SHAMWELL (L/M) AND MICHAEL
HORNBLow (NEA/PAB) SAT IN. AFTER USUAL AMENITIES KARIM
NOTED THAT HE HAD VISITED KENNEDY CENTER PREVIOUS EVENING
AND OBSERVED OLD FLAG USED WHEN AFGHANISTAN A MONARCHY.
DESK OFFICER UNDERTOOK CONTACT KENNEDY CENTER AND GET OLD
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FLAG REPLACED.

2. KARIM THEN ASKED ABOUT STATUS AFGHAN REQUEST FOR
PL-480 WHEAT. DUBS EXPLAINED REQUEST WOULD BE FORMALLY
PRESENTED TO INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY AUGUST 11
AND HOPED WE COULD ADVISE KARIM OF DECISION WITHIN TWO

WEEKS. IF APPROVED WHEAT COULD BE SHIPPED IN EARLY OCTOBER.

3. KARIM DESCRIBED PROBLEM OF HAVING TO PAY PROPERTY TAX ON AFGHAN OWNED CONDOMINIUMS IN SILVER SPRING. HE SAID OTHER COUNTRIES HAD APPROACHED AFGHANISTAN TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL CONSULAR TREATIES. AFGHANISTAN HAD NOT RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THESE APPROACHES BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT THESE OTHER COUNTRIES ESTABLISHING CONSULATES OUTSIDE OF KABUL. IF CONSULAR TREATY CONCLUDED WITH US IT MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR AFGHANISTAN TO TURN AWAY THESE OTHER COUNTRIES. KARIM THEREFORE WONDERED IF PROPERTY TAX PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

4. MR. SHAMWELL HANDED KARIM PROPOSED DRAFT BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONSHIPS SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD NOT BE LEGALLY BINDING ON STATE OF MARYLAND. IN ADDITION, A TREATY COVERING JUST THE PROPERTY TAX ISSUE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE LOOKED ON FAVORABLY BY THE SENATE. MR. SHAMWELL SAID WE FELT IT DESIREABLE TO HAVE A BROAD TREATY COVERING AS MANY DIFFERENT AREAS AS POSSIBLE. MR. SHAMWELL EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED CONVENTION WAS BASED UPON TREATIES WE HAD SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. HE HOPED IT COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS AL-

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THOUGH IT WAS NOT NECESSARILY THE LAST WORD AND MODIFICATIONS COULD BE MADE. MR. SHAMWELL ADDED HE THOUGHT THIS A GOOD, PRACTICAL AND USEFUL DOCUMENT, AND SUCH BILATERAL CONVENTIONS WERE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS LIKE THE VIENNA CONVENTION BECAUSE THEY DEAL IN CONSIDERABLY MORE DEPTH WITH PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FACED BY CONSULAR OFFICERS ON RECURRING BASIS. AMBASSADOR KARIM SAID HE WOULD FORWARD A COPY TO THE MFA. (NOTE: DEPARTMENT SENDING YOU VIA AIRGRAM COPIES OF PROPOSED CONVENTION AND INSTRUCTIONS).

5. AMBASSADOR KARIM NOTED THAT WAHEED ABDULLAH COMING TO US SEPTEMBER 10 AND ASKED IF APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED WITH SECRETARY VANCE. DUBS SAID SECRETARY'S OFFICE AWARE OF APPOINTMENT REQUEST BUT IT STILL TOO EARLY COMMENT ON LIKELIHOOD OF A MEETING. KARIM SAID HE HAD STILL NOT BEEN ADVISED BY ABDULLAH OF SAN FRANCISCO TRIP. DUBS URGED KARIM TO ACCOMPANY ABDULLAH ON TRIP. SCHEDULING CONFLICT DESCRIBED IN KABUL TELEGRAM 5491 ALSO DISCUSSED AND KARIM UNDERTOOK SHIFT ABDULLAH'S UNGA SPEECH TO OCTOBER 3 OR 4.

6. FINALLY AMBASSADOR KARIM ASKED DUBS ABOUT STATUS

VANCE'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP. DUBS IN RESPONSE SAID SECRETARY

WAS TRYING TO NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES BUT
PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST THAT NO BREAKTHROUGH HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED AS YET. CHRISTOPHER

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